

**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier
(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)**

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An act to add Section 101.5 to the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1203, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Elections.

Existing law requires that any state or local initiative petition contain a statement, as described, notifying the public that the petition may be circulated by either a paid or a volunteer signature gatherer, and that the public has the right to ask.

This bill would require an individual who receives compensation to circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point font, that he or she is a "paid" signature gatherer. The bill would require the individual circulating the initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear the badge on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.5 is added to the Elections Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 101.5. (a) An individual who receives compensation to
- 4 circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition shall identify
- 5 himself or herself as a paid signature gatherer by wearing a badge
- 6 stating "PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER."

- 1 (b) The individual circulating an initiative, referendum, or recall
2 petition shall wear the badge required by subdivision (a) on his or
3 her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign
4 the petition.
5 (c) The print on the badge shall be no smaller than 30-point
6 font.